



Training Report on

“Skill Development training on Bamboo

Handicrafts for Artisans of Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh”

Under NMHS funded project

‘Improving the traditional homestead to a viable agroforestry system for biodiversity conservation and inclusive growth of Khampti tribes of Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh’

Venue: Rainforest Research Institute, Jorhat

Date: From 02/03/2022 to 12/03/2022

A 10 day training programme was held at Rainforest Research Institute, Jorhat. A total of 12 trainees from Piyong, Mahadevpur, Manmow and Pathar Gaon of Namsai district, Arunachal Pradesh participated in this training programme. The “Skill Development training on Bamboo Handicrafts for Artisans of Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh” was conducted under a project titled ‘Improving the traditional homestead to a viable agroforestry system for biodiversity conservation and inclusive growth of Khampti tribes of Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh’ funded by National Mission on Himalayan Studies(NMHS). The training was inaugurated on 2nd March, 2022, by Dr Rajib Kumar Borah, Scientist-G & GCR, RFRI. Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, Principal Investigator of the project briefed the objectives of this training programme and also highlighted glimpses of previous training programmes carried out under this project. In the meeting the master trainers Shri Mohan Saikia, Md. Sagir Ahmed Dulal Chandra Bora, Debokanta Borah, Nripen Gogoi were facilitated. After the inaugural session Shri R.K Kalita delivered a talk on ‘Importance of bamboo and its potential as a substitute of timber’. He emphasized on the market value of the bamboo handicrafts and how it can be beneficial for young entrepreneurs. After that Dr. Prosanta Hazarika accompanied the team to RFRI Bambusetum, Nursery, Vermicompost unit, Tissue culture lab and Mycology lab and introduced the trainees with various labs to land activities of RFRI for the people. Dr. Runumee Borthakur demonstrated the process of treatment of bamboos and different machines used for processing of bamboos. Shri Mohan Saikia, master trainer demonstrated handling of various appliances, tools and machineries use in preparation of articles of bamboo handicrafts. On 3rd March 2022 Shri Mohan Saikia trained the trainees on bamboo furniture making. On 4th March 2022, Chua Chowna mein, Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh visited RFRI Jorhat to have interaction with the trainees of Namsai district, Arunachal Pradesh to encourage them. He was

accompanied by Shri T. Jamoh, DFO Namsai. During his visit he met the trainees and discussed various aspects of skill development training. He inaugurated a Herbarium named after the German Botanist ‘Gustav Mann’ and ‘Vacuum Impregnation Unit’ for chemical treatment of bamboo. The Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister in his interaction assured the trainees for proper market linkage for the handicrafts of Namsai. From 3rd March to 7th March hands on training sessions were conducted by master trainer Shri Mohan Saikia on different techniques and skills in making different bamboo furniture. He was assisted by Dulal Chandra Bora, Debo Kanta Bora and Nripen Gogoi. During the session the trainees could prepare beds, sofa and a table made of bamboo. The next session which was started from 8th March to 11th March was conducted by Md Sagir Ahmed, master trainer on various techniques on making handicraft items from coconut shells and bamboo. During this session the trainees prepared different handicrafts which included Mushroom Night Lamp, Toothpick and Napkin stand with fennel seed server, Night lamp with mobile stand, Incense stick stand, Coconut tree with mobile stand, Butterfly wall clock, Leaf table clock and Pen stand.

The Valedictory session was held on 11th March and Chaired by Dr. R.S.C Jayaraj, Director RFRI Jorhat in which review of the entire training programme with trainee’s feedback was done. Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, PI of the project and Dr. Kuntala N. Barua, Co-PI also took part in the interactive session. At the end of the session Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, Director RFRI distributed the certificates to the trainees. The session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Prosanta Hazarika, PI of the project.



Distinguished guest and resource persons on the dias in the inaugural session of the training



Inaugural meeting of the training programme



Shri Rajib Kumar Kalita, Head Extension presenting a talk about importance of bamboo



Trainees visiting the bambusetum of RFRI



Dr. Prosanta Hazarika taking a walk through bambusetum



Interaction with trainees in the bambusetum



Trainees visiting the nursery



Trainees at the vermicompost unit



Trainees visiting the Mycology lab



Trainees visiting the Bamboo Composite Centre (BCC)



Master trainers demonstrating various machines



Demonstration of bamboo stick making machine for agarbatti



Dr. Runumee Barthakur demonstrating bamboo preservative treatment machines



Demonstration on treatment of bamboos



Visit of Chau Chowna Mein, Hon'ble DCM, Arunachal Pradesh RFRI, Jorhat



Hon'ble DCM, Arunachal Pradesh interacting with the trainees



Trainees visiting the new bamboo treatment unit



Trainees practicing cutting of bamboos



Hands on training session at BCC, RFRI



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Master trainer Mohan Saikia teaching different skills



Md. Sagir Ahmed along with the trainees



Hands on training session at BCC, RFRI



A trainee proud with the handicraft he made



Hands on training session at BCC, RFRI



Trainees working with coconut shells



Trainees making different bamboo products



Trainees adding finishing touch to their products



Trainees applying varnish to the handicrafts



Director RFRI distributing certificates in the valedictory session



Project members and trainees pose together for a group photo



Trainees displaying their handicrafts



Display of different bamboo handicraft items at Valedictory session



Bamboo sofa made by the trainees



Bed from bamboo made by the trainees



A special knot made from bamboo strips prepared by the trainees



A finished product for display



Butterfly Wall Clock



Leaf Table Clock



Coconut tree with mobile stand



Mushroom Night Lamp



Toothpick & Napkin stand with fennel seed server



Night Lamp with Mobile Stand



Incense stick stand



Flower vase



Fennel seed server

Table 1: List of participants in the training “*Skill Development training on Bamboo Handicrafts for Artisans of Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh*”

Sl. No.	Name	Contact number	Village
1	Chow Srichey Mantaw	7085398383	Piyong
2	Narmi Tamuk	9383324221	Mahadevpur
3	Amardeep Handique	9612705167	Mahadevpur
4	Joyraj Lokhonary	8787728493	Mahadevpur
5	Dulu Deori	9348296637	Mahadevpur
6	Diganta Moran	9863187093	Mahadevpur
7	Ajoy Chouhai	8837050800	Pathargaon
8	Jintu Mech	8732807958	Namsai
9	Chow Suto Chowhai	6909170271	Pathargaon
10	Chow Suktasana Chowhai	6909170271	Pathargaon
11	Chow Inseng Chowhai	8837050800	Manmow
12	Manash Bora	6000702431`	Hatigarh